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SUBJECT: ROC CY 1974 FERROUS SCRAP REQUIREMENTS

REF: STATE 183681

1. DESPITE CONTINUED PRODDING BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE (BOFT) HAS NOT YET PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH DATA AS TO ESTIMATED FERROUS SCRAP REQUIREMENTS FOR CY 1974. DATA NOW PROMISED WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS.

2. PRESS REPORTS THAT FOR FY 1974 THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS PLANS TO PURCHASE 1.84 MILLION MT OF FERROUS SCRAP. PURCHASES TO BE UNDERTAKEN ON QUARTERLY BASIS AS FOLLOWS: JAN-MAR 389,000 MT; APR-JUNE 660,000 MT; JUL-SEPT 533,000 MT; OCT-DEC 262,000 MT. THIS REPRESENTS A 8.7 PERCENT INCREASE OVER FY 1973. BOFT WOULD NOT CONFIRM PRESS REPORT STATING FERROUS SCRAP REQUIREMENTS STILL UNDER REVIEW.

3. EXPORTS OF FERROUS SCRAP ARE UNDER EMBARGO.

4. BOFT HAS PROMISED ENDEAVOR OBTAIN PRODUCTION ESTIMATES FOR 1974 AS THIS DATA REQUIRED IN ESTIMATING SCRAP REQUIREMENTS. FOLLOWING TABLE LISTS PRODUCTION BY QUARTER FOR 1972 AND FOR FIRST QUARTER OF 1973.

### PRODUCTION OF STEEL BY QUARTER

(METRIC TONS)

TOTAL	INGOTS	ROD AND BAR	SLAB
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1972

1ST QUARTER	264,945	101,925	110,887	52,133
2ND QUARTER	303,148	117,131	120,121	65,896
3RD QUARTER	309,650	121,728	118,094	69,828
4TH QUARTER	317,975	116,130	129,086	72,759
TOTAL	1,195,718	456,914	478,188	260,616

1973

1ST QUARTER	340,755	120,121	135,084	85,550
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THIS TABLE DOES NOT INCLUDE DATA ON THE PRODUCTION OF STEEL  
PIPE, TIN PLATE, GALVANIZED SHEET, AND DRAWN WIRE PRODUCTS.

SOURCE: MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS "TAIWAN INDUSTRIAL  
PRODUCTION STATISTICS MONTHLY, REPUBLIC OF CHINA"  
NO. 45, MAY 1973.

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